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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Masataka TAMURA et al.

Title:

UNDERWATER LASER PROCESSING APPARATUS AND UNDERWATER LASER PROCESSING METHOD

Appl. No.:

10/763,336

Appl. Filing Date:

1/26/2004

Examiner:

Maria Alexandra ELVE

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

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Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on ___.

[]	Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on but not considered.
[]	Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on
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b. End	closed are:
[X]	Amendment/Reply.
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[]	Information Disclosure Statement.
[]	Form PTO/SB/08 with copies of listed reference(s).
[]	Other.

Miscellaneous:

[] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of __ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For	Extra C Present		I	Rate	_	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):							\$810.00	=	\$810.00
Total Claims:	9	-	20	= 0		x	\$50.00	=	\$0.00
Independents	1	-	3	= 0		x	\$210.00	=	\$0.00
First p	resentation of	of any	/ Multiple I	Dependent C	laims:	+	\$370.00	=	\$0.00
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[X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

\$0.00	\$120.00	Extension for response filed within the first month:	[]		
\$0.00	\$460.00	Extension for response filed within the second month:	[]		
\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	Extension for response filed within the third month:	[X]		
\$0.00	\$1,640.00	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	[]		
\$0.00	\$2,230.00	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	[]		
\$1,050.00	EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:				
\$0.00	EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID: -				
\$1,050.00	EXTENSION FEE TOTAL				
\$1,860.00	CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:				
\$0.00	[] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):				
\$0.00	[] Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)				
\$1,860.00	TAL FEE:	TC			

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$1,860.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date September 17, 2008

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